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- On 23 July 1952, the headquarters and most of the bureaus of the North Korean Ministry of Transportation<sup>1</sup> were in the village of Masong-ni (approximately 125-43, 39-03) (YD-362256), near Namgyo-dong (125-43, 39-03) (YD-3525).<sup>2</sup> The Minister of Transportation was PAK Wan-sik (2613/1346/2784),<sup>3</sup> who wore four large stars as insignia of rank.<sup>4</sup> PAK lived and worked in the village with more than 100 other railroad transportation officials, all of whom were high-ranking North Korean army officers. None of the families of the officials lived in the village. The village was enclosed by barbed wire and the main road, which ran through the village from the northwest to the southeast, was guarded by five North Korean soldiers, who checked the identification papers of all travellers. The transportation minister's office was guarded by one soldier and there was a roving patrol of two soldiers in the village at all times.
- Ten girls operated the telephone switchboards, which linked all offices in the village with the outside. The girls were each issued one hand grenade for emergency destruction of the switchboard. The Railroad Rear Service Bureau supplied the village with food and supplies, which were brought by truck. It also provided all maintenance service necessary in the village.

- Comment. [redacted] the Ministry of Transportation was renamed the Ministry of Railroad Transportation in late 1951 or early 1952.

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- Comment. These coordinates are similar to those given for the offices of the Ministry of Railroad Transportation [redacted]

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- 25X1 3. [ ] Comment. Possibly this is an erroneous spelling for PAK Ūi-wan  
25X1 (2613/5030/1346), the name of the Minister of Railroad Transportation,  
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4. [ ] Comment. It is not clear whether [ ] intended two large 25X1  
stars on each shoulder, indicating the rank of lieutenant general; or  
four medium stars on each shoulder, indicating the rank of senior colonel.

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